

HOUSE BILL 2007
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WHEREAS, the Smyrna/Rutherford County Airport is Tennessee's busiest general aviation airport, with over 130,000 takeoffs and landings in 1994 and over 140,000 expected in 1995; and

WHEREAS, it is Tennessee's third largest airport, serving as a major distribution center for "just-in-time" deliveries to Middle Tennessee industries; and

WHEREAS, the Smyrna/Rutherford County Airport is a major contributor to the area's economic community, serving 93 of northern Rutherford County's major industries who in turn employ over 21,000 people; and

WHEREAS, with over 10 million dollars invested in airport infrastructure over the last four years and an additional 500 acres currently being developed into an air/industrial park, the airport has become a major transportation hub for northern Rutherford County, one of the fastest growing commercial and residential areas in the state; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a designated reliever airport for Nashville International Airport, the Smyrna/Rutherford County Airport plays host to the annual Tennessee Aviation Days Airshow, attracting nearly 100,000 visitors to the area for two days in September; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, it shall be the duty of the department of transportation to erect and maintain directional signs at sites and facilities of educational and cultural interest to the citizens of the state, including the erection of such signs for the Smyrna/Rutherford County Airport, both eastbound and westbound on Interstate 24 at exit 66B (Sam Ridley Boulevard) and eastbound and westbound on Interstate 840 at the U.S. Highway 41-70 exit. The commissioner of transportation shall consult with the director of the Smyrna/Rutherford County Airport Authority on the most suitable exit and on the design of the signs.

SECTION 2. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 3. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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